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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No.: 10/015,886; Filed: December 17, 2001  
For: **System and Method for Automatically Detecting and Then Self-Repairing Corrupt, Modified or Non-Existent Files Via a Communication Medium**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
3. One (1) return postcard; and
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the 3-the extension of time fee.

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